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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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9 STERLING ATKINS,

10 Petitioner,

2:02-cv-01348-JCM-PAL

11 vs.

**ORDER**

12 RENEE BAKER, *et al.*,

13 Respondents.  
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16 In this capital habeas corpus action, brought by Nevada prisoner Sterling Atkins, Atkins  
17 is due to file his fourth amended habeas petition by February 8, 2016. *See* Order entered  
18 August 10, 2015 (ECF No. 167).

19 On January 27, 2016, Atkins filed a motion for extension of time (ECF No. 174), requesting  
20 an extension of time to April 6, 2016 -- a 58-day extension of time -- to file his fourth amended  
21 petition. Atkins' counsel states that the extension of time is necessary because of delay caused by  
22 the budgeting process for the case, because of difficulties caused by the large record in the case,  
23 because of his investigator's illness, and because of his responsibilities in other cases. This is the  
24 first request for an extension of this deadline. Respondents do not oppose the motion for extension  
25 of time. The court finds that Atkins' motion for extension of time is made in good faith and not  
26 solely for the purpose of delay, and that there is good cause for the requested extension of time.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in all other respects, the schedule for further proceedings set forth in the order entered August 10, 2015 (ECF No. 167) shall remain in effect.

James C. Mahan  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE